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New Bedford
Remains of William Coffin

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39 Summer Street

Dear Deborah,

Caroline was at
Lynn & Nahant on Saturday
with Mary Chapman, at the
invitation of Ann & Wendell,
& has fled again with Lorry
this morning to Hingham, so
of course she cannot write, & as
no one else is on the ground
but me, I give you a line
with much diffidence. Mr. Chap-
man senior has gone to Lynn for
his sick Nick. but the running
affair will be I think at Dedham.
Edmund has written a sort of
apostolic letter to the Purley Com-
munity, inviting them to come
bodily, bringing with them a
supply of "the meat that perishes".
Parker too is expected & 30 from
Worcester, who with the Boston strag-
glers, will make up a "gang".
Mary heard this letter, out at
the com. where she passed a time

days on a visit to Ann
Grew, whose cruciform cottage
is being builded. A letter
from Warren came this morning
but as Mr Chapman took
it to Caroline after she had left
the house for Birmingham, I know
not the contents. Mellens passed
yesterday evening here. We all
gawped infamously. Putnam
Blake called the other morning.
Nothing said, no how, nor neither way.
Mr C. place rejoiced much at his
call - as much, I thought, as if
Henry had done how injured him,
greatly, & he had magnanimously
forgiven it, & restored Henry to his
good-graces. Upon which I made
a proverb - "No matter though all
the bones are broke - the skin is
whole." Mr. Beane called, about getting
Anne to supply Abler's place, but
Caroline was at Roxbury & I knew
nothing of course. He seemed to have
some thoughts of going to Weymouth
but finally concluded not. Mr &

Mrs Chapman will probably go to
Weymouth or Mannsaj, taking one
of the children with them. The Carpet
is down. They will find Caroline there
from Bingham, & I should not
wonder if she came up with them.
On Saturday then, before you
go to Weymouth we will hold
a bit of justice over the committee
meeting, fair &c &c. Dr Jay has
gone to Europe. Dr Ware at Ma's
instance, who told us of his skill
& reputation in lung complaints
has succeeded to the inheritance for the
present. He gave Henry a medicine of
which opium is one of the parts &
which makes him of course much
more comfortable, but which fills me
with horror of course. It is awful
to me, to
see any one under its effect.
It ought to be called "death-in-life".
It alleviated every bad symptom
reduced the pulse from 125 to 90 -
lengthened the breathing helped the
cough lessened the expectoration,
it stayed the perspiration. yet I
cant abide it. The New Org. have got
out their prospectus of a fair.

I have no news to give you
I will not trouble you with
my "foolish reasons." The children
are all well. I am afraid you
will see reason to think Henry
has failed very much. Yours
Ever N. W. D.